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SEVEN POINT WORK PLAN TO HANDLE DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the Calamity Relief Fund and have announced aseven point work project in view of the severe drought;

(b) if so, whether the said work plan and scheme has been implemented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereunder till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The scope of the Calamity Relief Fund is as laid down in the awards of the FinanceCommission appointed every five years. The current scheme governing this fund is in accordance with the recommendations of the 11th Finance Commission which are operative for the period 2000- 01 − 2004-05. Expansion of this Fund will be possible only in the light of the recommendations ofthe 12th Finance Commission, which has been constituted only recently and whose recommendations will be operative during 2005-06.